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"Lucky If We Get Anything," Says President Crane.

President Crane, of the National Shoe and Leather Bank, was taken aback with surprise when he read a statement in an evening paper, which quoted him as saying that the bank expected to recover at least \$200,000 from Lawyer Frederick Baker's estate.

"Two hundred thousand dollars!" he exclaimed, "why, I never made such a statement in my life, nor has any one else connected with the bank to my knowledge."

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## YOUNG BAKER ANGRY.

He Refuses to Shake Hands with One of His Father's Clerks.

Frederick R. Baker, son of the lawyer who is alleged to have aided in defrauding the Shoe and Leather Bank, will believe his father innocent of the terrible charges. When Augustus Kugel, who says he was defrauded by the elder Baker, came to the bank office, Kugel, shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, he saw Frederick R. Baker come out from an inner office.

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## AS TO SEELY'S SURRENDER.

Lawyer Angel Says He May Give Himself Up in a Day or Two.

Lawyer Angel reached his office at noon and found half a dozen persons awaiting him.

"Have you seen Seely over night? Have you heard from him?" he was asked.

"I decline to answer that question," he replied.

"If you have heard from him, will you say whether he is preparing a statement, as reported?"

"I can say that Seely is not preparing a statement, to my knowledge. I don't believe he will make any further statement than that he has already made to me."

"But, an anonymous reliable report says Seely will surrender within forty-eight hours; will he?"

Lawyer Angel declined the ceiling for moment and then replied: "No, I don't think he will surrender in two days—not in two days."

"But he means to surrender, doesn't he?"

Seely may surrender.

"I think he will when he is ready, and then all the mystery will be cleared up. There should be no mystery in the case, in fact, there is none."

Now, that Baker has been thoroughly identified as Seely's accomplice, I have no hesitation in saying he was the man who influenced Seely to betray his trust.

"And you say that when the full story is told it will be shown that a consummate scoundrel Baker was the man who influenced Seely to betray his trust?"

"No, I don't think he should have been punished for his crime. He was the head and leader in this robbery. He and Seely were the only ones in it. He was the thief, Seely his tool."

"No, there were not five in the conspiracy—only two, Baker and Seely. Baker got Seely into the power through an error, and compelled him to obey his commands to rob the bank by threatening to expose him."

"Seely was and is a moral coward, but he was not a criminal at all. That was when the story of the association of Baker and Seely was leaked by a sacred promise made to him by Baker, and I could clear up all the mystery about it in five minutes if I were permitted to speak."

"Is Seely in New York City?" abruptly asked an "Evening World" reporter.

"I decline to answer that question," replied Mr. Angel.

"Is he in New Jersey?"

"I will not tell you."

"He is surely through you?"

"I don't know; perhaps he may do so, I will probably be present when he does."

"But he may kill himself."

"I don't think he will, he's too big a coward."

Angel's Self-Defense.

Lawyer Angel then branched off in defense of himself and Seely.

"My friend, I have been an Assistant United States District Attorney for the Southern District in a record that has been made of me, and I would like everybody to know of it. As for Seely, he was my friend, and was not a criminal at all, nor a scoundrel, as the self-confessed number has charged him to be."

"Seely could not have played the game, he was a man of honor, and I was with him there a good many days."

know he did not play the game. All there to his case is that Seely was a weak coward."

Had he confessed his original error to the directors of the bank, as any intelligent man would have done, he would have been forgiven. It was his error that placed him in the merciless power of Baker.

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Arrested as Seely's Brother.

William I. Seely, said to be a brother of the defaulting bookkeeper, was arrested this morning by the police in connection with the case.

He bears a strong resemblance to the missing bookkeeper, and it was not until several of the bank's employees had assured the detectives of the mistake that he was released.

Lawyer Angel, when informed of this occurrence, declared that Seely had no brother.

Angel Missed a Fortune.

Lawyer Angel said today in discussing the sensation caused by the publicity of the robbery that he had missed an opportunity to make a fortune, but that he did not regret missing it.

"I told you that the details of the robbery were published in the newspapers," said Mr. Seely, a Wall Street stock broker, who had been tried to pump me for more important facts than those given in the papers. The monument of the theft was first published."

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"No matter what is said, I will always believe my father was a honest man."

"It has been said that your father spent several nights in his office here, surrounded by papers and documents which he was looking over. Do you know what became of them?"

"I have no idea," said Seely. "It is an absolute lie. My father did not spend any night in the office, and he had no papers. He was home with his family. He was a man of honor, and he would not have been in the office at night."

Concerning the Kugel estate, which Baker is said to have manipulated so as to make it a paying investment for himself, his son had this to say:

"I know all about that affair and shall explain it at the proper time and in a manner that will be entirely satisfactory. The facts have been carefully examined by me, and I will come out with the truth."

Seely's Statement.

When asked when he would make such a statement, he said he didn't exactly know, but would think it over. Then he added, and repeated, that he must be able to make it today—this afternoon, perhaps, but he would promise nothing. "I will come out with the truth," he said.

"I must decline to answer that," said Seely. "I will come out with the truth at the proper time and in a manner that will be entirely satisfactory. The facts have been carefully examined by me, and I will come out with the truth."

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